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In re Appln. of: Haulick et al.

Appln. No.: 10/556,232

Filed: November 9, 2005

For: System for Communication Enhancement
in a Noisy Environment

Attorney Docket No: 11336/1204 (P03088US)

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Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

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No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
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No.	Date of Publication	Country
EP 1 116 961 A2	July 18, 2001	EPO
EP 1 083 543 A2	March 13, 2001	EPO
DE 101 56 954 A1	June 18, 2003	Germany
EP 1 343 351 A1	September 10, 2003	EPO
GB 2 097 121 A	October 27, 1982	United Kingdom
JP 07 176178 A	July 14, 1995	Japan

OTHER ART

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Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

The German language reference EP1083543 is relevant in that it discloses a method that involves simultaneously detecting the individual signals of individual microphones and processing them electronically and in a time relationship to each other. The speech signals are checked for plausibility for operation of the command input using the parameters derived from the analysis and the degree of coherence of the individual signals. An Independent claim is also included for a multiple microphone arrangement for implementing the method.

The German language reference DE10156954 is relevant in that it describes a visual-acoustic arrangement having microphone/loudspeaker arrangements with several microphones or microphone arrays and a loudspeaker or loudspeaker arrays for the user, and which are individually adapted. Before any speech activity of at least one user, an initialization of the array follows for the user and in addition to the acoustic recognition of the user, recognition by an image processing results. An Independent claim is given for a visual acoustic method for audio playback speech input and communication between several users.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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		JP 07 176178 A	07-14-1995	Japan		X

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